

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address transmission, said apparatus comprising:

- a registration unit, arranged to register a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box;
- a start selector, arranged to select a start of a ring-type multiple-address transmission;
- a ring-type multiple-address reception transfer selector, arranged to select a transfer of a ring-type multiple-address reception; and
- a controller, arranged to perform a control operation so that, when [[a]] the start of the ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, transmitter information is added, and, when [[a]] the transfer of ring-type multiple-address reception has been selected, the transmitter information is not added;

wherein the communication apparatus performs ring-type multiple-address transmission/reception of received image data, and wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data when the start of ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller performs [[a]] the control operation so that, when [[a]] the start of ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, information indicating ring-type multiple-address transmission and information indicating a nickname of ~~information to be transmitted~~ the received image data are added as transmitter information.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller performs [[a]] the control operation so that, when the sub-address signal and a transfer to a predetermined address, serving as the communication specification, are registered in said registration unit so as to correspond to the memory box, if the registered sub-address signal is received, the transmitter information is added, and the received information is transferred to the predetermined address.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address transmission, said apparatus comprising:

- a memory, arranged to store received image data;
- a transfer unit, arranged to transfer the received image data stored in said memory;
- an identification unit, arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address processing; and

a processor, arranged to cause said transfer unit to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and to cause said transfer unit to transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is not data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said controller performs [[a]] the control operation so that, when the sub-address signal and a transfer to a predetermined address, serving as the communication specification are registered in said registration unit so as to correspond to the memory box, if the registered sub-address signal is received, the transmitter information is added, and received information is transferred to the predetermined address.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, said method comprising the steps of:

registering a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box;

selecting a start of a ring-type multiple-address transmission;

selecting a transfer of a ring-type multiple-address reception; and

performing a control operation so that, when ~~[[a]]~~ the start of ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, transmitter information is added, and, when ~~[[a]]~~ the transfer of ring-type multiple-address reception has been selected, the transmitter information is not added;

wherein the communication apparatus performs ring-type multiple-address transmission/reception of received image data, and wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data when the start of ring-type multiple address transmission has been selected.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, wherein said control operation performing step includes performing ~~[[a]]~~ the control operation so that, when ~~[[a]]~~ the start of ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, information indicating ring-type multiple-address transmission and information indicating a nickname of the received image data ~~information to be transmitted~~ are added as transmitter information.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said control operation performing step includes performing ~~[[a]]~~ the control operation so that, when the sub-address signal and a transfer to a predetermined address, serving as the communication specification, are registered in said registration step so as to correspond to the memory box, if the registered sub-address signal is received, the transmitter information is

added, and the received information is transferred to the predetermined address.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, said method comprising the steps of:

storing received image data in a memory;

transferring the received image data stored in said memory;

identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address processing; and

causing said transferring step to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and causing said transferring step to transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is not data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing,

wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to Claim 7, wherein said control operation performing step includes performing ~~[[a]]~~ the control operation so that, when the sub-address signal and a transfer to a predetermined address, serving as the communication specifications, are registered in said registration step so as to correspond to the memory box, if the registered sub-address signal is received, the transmitter information is

added, and received information is transferred to the predetermined address.